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the appropriations process. The local school boards get state aid but they are not. They're agents...they don't come in as an agency to have oversight by the Appropriations Committee. I'm trying to state for the record that this bill does not consider them to be a political subdivision.

SENATOR SMITH: I understand that, Senator Schimek. I remain unconvinced that the current language does not preclude...or, would not preclude a senior administrator within the university system, for example. I have concerns about other...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, the Conway decision took care of that, Senator. We're not trying to change the Conway decision here.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator McDonald, followed by Senators Erdman, Chambers, Janssen, Loudon, and Jones, and Smith. Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD: The decision on whether to allow employees to run for the Legislature is made by the governing board of the political subdivision. Now, those subdivisions are, and I will list those, those are ag societies, airports, cities, community colleges, counties, development districts, drainage districts, ESUs, fire protection districts, health districts, hospital authorities, irrigation districts, villages, NRDs, public power districts, reclamation districts, rural water districts, sanitary and improvement districts, school districts, and townships. And like I said, again, the decision on to whether to allow their employees to run for the Legislature is made by their governing board. Although the specifics of the Spire and Conway case did not address political subdivisions, the Supreme Court language in...decision in its language included political subdivisions as part of the executive branch. And political subdivisions are defined in statute. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Were you through, Senator McDonald? Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I would yield my